

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 have been canceled.

19. (New) A laminated body contact support element, for a mattress, cushion or the like including an inner layer of viscoelastic foam material and an air permeable outer layer of stretchable material laminated onto a top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer, the outer layer comprising a highly breathable three dimensional fabric which forms an air layer above the viscoelastic foam layer.
20. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the outer layer comprises a spacer fabric.
21. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the outer layer comprises a spaced knitted fabric having a pair of spaced-apart knitted layers with spacer yarns extending between said knitted layers, one of said knitted layers being laminated onto the top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer.
22. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the maximum stretch of the outer layer material is less than the breaking stretch of the underlying viscoelastic foam layer material.
23. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the tensile strength of the outer layer material is greater than the tensile strength of the viscoelastic foam layer material.
24. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the outer layer is of knitted polyester material.
25. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the outer layer has a thickness in the range 0.5mm to 30mm.

26. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 25 wherein the outer layer has a thickness in the range 3mm to 6mm.
27. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the outer layer has a stretchability in the range 20% to 200%.
28. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 27 wherein the outer layer has a stretchability in the range 40% to 140%.
29. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the outer layer is adhesively bonded to the viscoelastic layer.
30. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein outer layers are bonded to both the top surface and a bottom surface of the viscoelastic layer.
31. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 wherein the bottom surface of the viscoelastic foam layer is laminated onto a support substrate.
32. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 31 wherein the support substrate comprises a standard foam or a combustion modified foam.
33. (New) A laminated support as claimed in claim 19 further including a vapour permeable outer cover.
34. (New) A mattress incorporating a support element as claimed in claim 19.
35. (New) A cushion incorporating a support element as claimed in claim 19.

36. (New) A pillow incorporating a support element as claimed in claim 19.
37. (New) A laminated body contact support element for a mattress, cushion or the like including an inner layer of viscoelastic foam material and an air permeable outer layer of stretchable material adhesively bonded to a top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer, said outer layer comprising a highly breathable three-dimensional fabric which forms an air layer above the viscoelastic foam layer, the maximum stretch of the outer layer material being less than the breaking stretch of the underlying viscoelastic foam layer material.
38. (New) A mattress comprising:
- an outer cover;
 - a resilient core mounted within the cover;
 - said resilient core comprising an inner layer of viscoelastic foam material and a vapour permeable reinforcing outer layer of stretchable material adhesively bonded onto a top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer;
 - said outer layer comprising a highly breathable three-dimensional fabric which forms an air layer above the viscoelastic foam layer; and
 - a bottom surface of the viscoelastic foam layer being laminated onto a support substrate comprising a standard foam or a combustion modified foam.
39. (New) A mattress comprising:
- an outer cover;

a resilient core mounted within the cover;

said resilient core comprising an inner layer of viscoelastic foam material and a vapour permeable reinforcing outer layer of stretchable material adhesively bonded onto a top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer;

said outer layer comprising a highly breathable three-dimensional fabric which forms an air layer above the viscoelastic foam layer; and

the maximum stretch of outer layer material being less than the breaking stretch of the underlying viscoelastic foam layer material;

a bottom surface of the viscoelastic foam layer being laminated onto a support substrate comprising a standard foam or a combustion modified foam.